



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

"Strive, Believe, Achieve"

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Our school Values

Honesty ~ Excellence ~ Respect ~ Resilience ~ Perseverance

Our Moral Purpose - Students will be able to choose a life that has meaning.

Warracknabeal Secondary College is committed to child safety (Ministerial Order No. 870) and takes all reasonable steps to ensure that the safety of our students is paramount.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

*Term 1 Week 9
30th March,
2017*

We have come to the last week of Term 1. I would like to thank everyone for their persistence in what I find to be one of the most difficult terms in the year. It is very hard to get back into the routine of school/work after such a long break, especially with sports days, public holidays and professional learning breaking up the momentum. Students and staff have pushed through right to our well-earned break.

It was fantastic to see so many locals from Warracknabeal involved in the Bridges out of Poverty training last week. To see over 200 adults engaged in deep conversation about how we could build the capacity of each individual, despite the hand they have been dealt in life, was a great sight. As a school, we take our role seriously to help bridge the gap for students who need extra support to learn the hidden rules of our society. This training was a critical aspect to assist staff to develop strategies to educate students on the emotional and social skills required to take advantage of what our society has to offer. I appreciate everyone's support as it caused some disruption for Years 7-11.

Over the past 12 months, we had a number of school tours with families of both current and prospective students. If you, or someone you know, would like to know more about the vision of the school and to see it in action, please don't hesitate to contact the school for a tour with myself or one of the other school leaders.

This term we have initiated 'Progress Reports' for the end of Term 1 in response to parent feedback. These reports should give a snapshot of your child's progress in key learning areas for Term 1, as well as some areas for improvement. We would like this to be the basis for Parent-Teacher-Student interviews next term. Please take the time to read this report with your child and discuss it in more detail with the teachers at the interviews. Enjoy your break and I look forward to working together for improved outcomes in Term 2.

Michael Briggs-Miller

Principal

Absence Hotline - 5398 1433 Or email

Charmaine – Mon, Tues and Fri - wilson.charmaine.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

Chelsea – Wed and Thurs - smith.chelsea.r@edumail.vic.gov.au

Please notify the school by 12 noon on the day of the absence.

ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – Heath Schulz

Year 10 Melbourne Trip.

The Year 10 Melbourne trip is fast approaching and deposits were due this week. It is great to see a number of students taking on this opportunity again in 2017! Highlights in 2017 will include a theatre show, University/TAFE visit, Holocaust centre, and using public transport. Please speak to Mrs Wardle if you have any questions.

Debutant Ball

It has been fantastic to see the progress of the students in the past few weeks. I have also been impressed with Gabi Powell assisting with the choreography as part of her VCAL Personal Development Skills project. A reminder that tickets can be purchased from the office for \$10.



Edrolo Trial.

This week staff and students in VCE classes were introduced to Edrolo. Edrolo is a tool to assist in the teaching and assessment of VCE subjects. It includes short video tutorials, quiz questions and past exam questions that are all organised into topics to assist in supporting the learning of students. The trial will conclude on May 19th and I will be asking for both student and teacher feedback at the end of this period. This will determine if we purchase this resource after the trial concludes. Unfortunately, Edrolo is not available for all VCE subjects, but the list is growing each year. In my opinion, this could be a game-changer for many students in their VCE studies at WSC.

Year 12 and staff morning tea

Last Monday the social committee organised a morning tea for all Year 12 students and staff. This was a great opportunity to socialise and strengthen relationships even further. It was a fantastic spread of food with Mr Winsall's fairy bread bringing back many nostalgic memories of our childhood. We look forward to many more events this year that will continue to build on these relationships.

Last day of school

With Friday being the last day of Term one, it is important to reflect back on what everyone has achieved. I am incredibly proud of all of the senior students and staff for the countless hours they have worked to ensure that they are achieving their personal best. Term one is always full of disruptions and I know that it can add undue stress on students and staff, but I feel that everyone has had a successful Term. I hope everyone has a restful but productive 2-week break. While it is important to recharge physically and mentally, it is also important to stay on top of your studies so you are prepared for the next term. To put things in perspective, Year 12's VCE students only have around 15-20 weeks left of classes before they start full-on exam revision.

Have a great break and stay safe on the roads if you are travelling!

Heath Schulz

Acting Assistant Principal of Senior School

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – WHITNEY MUNROE

As we are in the final few days of term, I am reflecting back on the many successes that we have had over the past nine weeks. We started the year off with a smooth transition for all of our Year 7 students with a Welcome BBQ and our Year 7 camp. These students have settled in nicely to the school community and are now a part of our big family!

We have had many events and exciting activities happening both in and out of school. Students have been playing cricket in the yard and participating in ropes and trampoline activities during lunchtime. We have students in Hands on Learning who have been painting and completing other projects to improve the school environment.

We also had a group of students attend the Stawell Burnouts motorsport event this past weekend where they engaged with people from the community and were able to build connections with other students.

We started the year talking about one of our core values: Respect. This remains a key area of focus for our staff and students as we conclude first term and enter into the holidays. We are educating students about what respect looks like and how they can show respectful behaviours both inside and outside of the school.

I hope that all the students have a wonderful holiday break and we look forward to seeing you again in a couple of weeks!

Whitney Munroe

Assistant Principal of Middle School



VCAL

What a busy start to the year it has been in VCAL. We have been working on providing students with a greater opportunity to individualise their programs. This means that many students have been able to complete some VCE subjects in their programs, others have been able to take work placements on different days and some students have been able to complete their unfinished studies with modified programs.

Edmodo

Student progress has been documented on Edmodo, this information can be viewed by parents by downloading the parent Edmodo app on their smart phone or on their home computer. Parent codes are on the students Edmodo page and you will need to ask for this code from your student. More help will be available at parent teacher interview day.

Projects

Students should now be almost finished their first projects and the results of these are documented on Edmodo. They should have planned their individual project and have a good idea about how they are going to complete the work required.

Student reports

VCAL students will receive their progress reports at the end of term 1. These reports should be read carefully with your students. Please celebrate any achievements and discuss any issues that the report may raise.

Parent teacher interviews

All parents/guardians of VCAL students are expected to attend parent/teacher interviews. This will be held on the first Thursday of term 2. In saying this however, I am not able to attend the interviews after 2pm as my own children have their parent teacher day at the same time. I am available from 8.30am in the morning till 2pm. Please contact the office to book a time.

Uniform/books/devices

An old topic – students need to be coming to school in full school uniform (and staying in uniform). It is important that students learn that dress codes are important for all work places and school is no different.

Some students are still turning up to class without books, pens/pencils or their devices charged. If you have trouble or have, an issue, supplying your student with books and devices for class, please contact me at the school to discuss a solution.

Attendance

This term I have been very busy contacting parents/guardians usually by text, if their student is absent and I would very much like to say how much I appreciate the support I have received from the family in working towards greater attendance for some students - Thanks all. If you need more support with this please give me a call, together we can get things done.

Some students have been attending the wrong classes and I have strongly encouraged them to make sure that they are following the timetable that was given to them. Please note that next term there are some changes to class timetabling and students will receive a new printed timetable on the first day back.

Class behaviour

Another area I have been working on improving is class behaviour. My expectations as coordinator are no different to a boss at work. I expect students to monitor their own impulses and come to class expecting to learn and work. Students who waste time and/or skip classes next term will have to start making up their learning time through lunch times and after school.

Term 2

In term 2 we will be looking to have an exchange with VCAL at both Horsham College and Hopetoun College. We are aiming to share ideas and have our students look at differing approaches to the same work.

We will also be involved in the Charlton driving school experience as many students from last year said that the day instruction was highly valued. There will be a limit on the attendance numbers and as with the camp, first in with their forms and an appropriate classroom record will go.

As usual, please contact me for anything that you feel you need to discuss, I don't even mind just a hello.

Have a great holiday and looking forward to making VCAL even greater next term.

Lisa Sanders

VCAL Coordinator

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

- The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student misses the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their achievements.
- CSEF will be provided to eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.
- If you hold a valid means-tested **concession card** or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF.
- The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:


- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students **How to Apply**: Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or print and return the form located at the end of the newsletter.



Young Achiever Awards - 20th March 2017

Bronze Awards –Will Martin, Will Drage, Brooke Morrow, Matt Hunter, Lily Eldridge and Emilie Daniel.

The BIG SCIENCE COMPETITION is happening this year! Thursday 18th May,

period 5. Free for the first 10 registrations. See Mrs Morgan to register. Registration deadline 31st March 

This 50 minute international competition is open to students of all abilities at four different levels: year 7, 8, 9 and 10

Questions test students' critical thinking and problem-solving skills as well as their science knowledge.

Each student who takes part will receive a certificate as well as detailed feedback on their performance in the competition. They also go into a draw to win cash prizes.

Our school will receive a comprehensive report for each paper level showing how each student performed on each question, the percentage of students in the cohort who answered correctly, and a comparison with the national results.



SEE WHAT YOU KNOW!

WSC INTERHOUSE ATHLETICS

Students braved warm, sunny conditions on Tuesday to compete in the annual WSC Interhouse Athletics. Anzac Park looked in pristine condition and all staff and students were ready for what was going to be a big day ahead. Students participated well on the day, with plenty of encouragement and support evident. The day was then concluded with the annual 'Staff v Student relay', in which both parties raced off against each other in a 20 metre powerwalk. The staff won on this occasion.

There was just the one record broken on the day, and it was;

- Sam Cooper- 15yo High Jump, 1.71m

Congratulations to these students, who were crowned age champions of their respective age groups. The winners are as follows:

	<u>BOYS</u>	<u>GIRLS</u>
<u>12/13yo</u>	BRANDEN HUTCHEN (Bor)	MOLLY FAGAN (Hen) & MIRRABELLA POWELL (Bor)
<u>14yo</u>	JESSE OLIVER-QUARRELL (Hen)	LILY ELDRIDGE (Hen)
<u>15yo</u>	SAM COOPER (Bor)	BROOKE MORROW (Bor)
<u>16yo</u>	LACHLAN KLEMM (Wim)	KIARNA TAYLOR (Bor)
<u>17-20yo</u>	CONNOR INKSTER (Wim)	LUCINDA TAYLOR (Bor)

Borong have taken out the grand aggregate for the seventh straight year in another dominant display at the park, as well as easily claiming their fifth girls aggregate in a row. Henty must also be acknowledged for winning their first boys aggregate since 2010.

<u>GIRLS AGGREGATE</u>	<u>BOYS AGGREGATE</u>	<u>GRAND AGGREGATE</u>
BORUNG – 337.5	HENTY – 306	BORUNG – 765
HENTY – 236.5	BORUNG – 264.5	HENTY -707.5
WIMMERA – 203.5	WIMMERA - 231	WIMMERA – 645.5

Congratulations to the students who participated on the day, whether it was in an event or assisting in some way, you were earning points for your house and your work shouldn't go unnoticed. A big thank-you to Kael Zanker and Dane Stewart for helping prepare the lines on Monday, and despite the weather on that day, you did a marvellous job! Also, thank-you to the D.I.S.S.C students who made it to Anzac Park prior to the start of the sports to help with any last-minute issues to hopefully guarantee a successful day was on the cards. Well done to all the house captains for making sure they had as many events full as they could and that their teams participation levels were at a maximum. I must commend all staff members for their efforts on the day, they did a fantastic job at ensuring their respective events ran smoothly. Mrs Pearson, Mrs Morgan, and helpers did a fantastic job running the canteen and made sure kids weren't hungry. Thanks to all friends and family for coming to support their loved ones at the sports. It's so great to see such large numbers attend one of our schools most popular events. Finally, a massive thank-you goes to the sports co-ordinator, Mr Shannon, who each year puts a lot of time and preparation into these sports and did a fantastic job at ensuring the day went according to plan.

The Black Ranges Athletics carnival will take place on Tuesday, May 2 at North Park, Stawell. A list of students and the events they qualified for is up on Edmodo, please confirm with Mr Shannon or myself on whether you would like to compete or not **by RECESS on Friday, March 31**. This can be done via Edmodo or in person.

Thank-you to everyone who made this year's WSC Athletics carnival a successful one 😊

Will Richardson
Sports Assistant

Athletics 2017



[Click Here to view more Photos online](#)

Photos supplied by Lily Duncan, Rose Sleep and Mikeely Fisher.

[Like us on Facebook.](#)



We are up to 818 LIKES on the Warracknabeal Secondary College Facebook page. If you have not already "liked" our page, make sure you do so you can get updates on what's happening around the school.

[Careers Report](#)

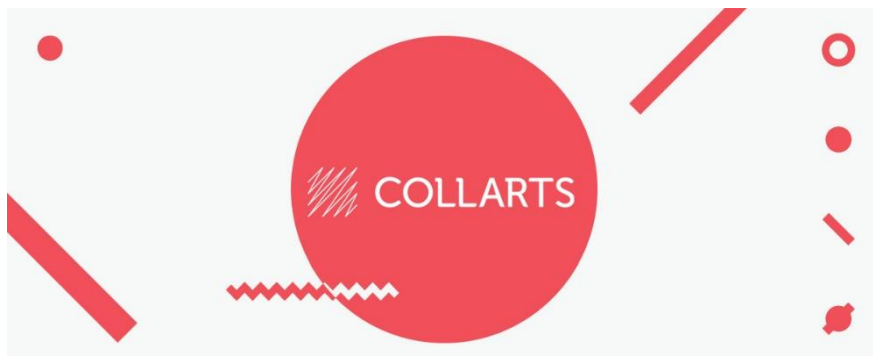


2017 School Holiday Program for Secondary School Students

William Angliss Institute will be conducting workshops for secondary school students in the April, July and September school holidays. Each day will include a hands-on activity in one of our specialist areas, a campus tour, catered lunch and a course information session. The program is recommended for students in Year 9 - 12.

Students can **[Register Now](#)** for **Hospitality Day - Thursday 13 April 2017**, where they will participate in workshops involving coffee and mocktails.

For booking details and the full list of 2017 dates please visit **www.angliss.edu.au/schoolholidays**



Do you want to be a Music Producer, DJ, Electronic Music Artist, Composer, Performer, Songwriter, Interactive & Mixed Media Specialist or Sound Designer? This course may be for you!!!

Since opening its doors in 2010, Collarts has rapidly become one of the most sought-after music and arts colleges in Australia. Building on that success, we're thrilled to announce the launch of two brand new courses, Music Production and Content Creation, both commencing 2017. Designed to meet the changing needs of the creative sector, the expansion will offer new students the opportunity to develop skills in emerging creative and technological fields and to operate at the forefront of the entertainment and cultural industries. Applications are now open for both 2017 and 2018 intakes.

Work Experience

Year 10 students (not going on Melbourne Trip) and Year 11 students will have a week of work experience at the end of Term 2. It is not too early to start arranging these placements. Think outside the square and challenge yourself to a placement outside of Warracknabeal. Talk to your family/friends/relatives about where you can work for a week and get the ball rolling. It is an exciting time for you to begin to explore all the different careers out there, you never know, you might find your "dream career"! If you need any help, please see me in the Careers Office in the Library.

Bricklaying Apprenticeship

Skillinvest on behalf of a local Horsham business is seeking an enthusiastic and committed person wishing to start a career within the bricklaying industry.

This is an excellent opportunity and ideally, the successful applicant will possess the following attributes:

- Willingness to learn and follow instructions;
- Ability to work as part of a team;
- Eager and willing to start a career in this field;
- Be physically capable of performing the demands of the position;
- Take a high level of pride in their work.

For further details contact Shane Cross on 0418 564 890.

TO APPLY: A cover letter and resume is to be sent to Shane Cross at Skillinvest via email to recruitment@skillinvest.com.au by Friday 31st March 2017.



UPCOMING EVENT

Students Apply Now

LEGAL STUDIES AND AUSTRALIAN POLITICS (LSAP) WORKSHOP

If you're a Year 10, 11 or 12 student who has decided on a career in the legal profession, or are thinking seriously about it, this intensive LSAP Workshop is for you! It's aimed at developing your confidence in all the different skills you need to succeed, including communication, teamwork and leadership. You'll get insights into studying at university, legal profession career options, and more.

The presentations and hands on activities will focus on the many different roles in the legal profession, how Australian laws are proposed and made and what is involved in law related university courses. To round it off, there will be a guest speaker from a legal profession to give you some real life insights.

Careers Curriculum Framework learning outcomes

Year 10: 4, 6, 8

Year 11: 2, 4, 7, 8

Year 12: 6



Travel costs - Students can apply for funding to assist travel for this event.

DATE: 5 April 2017

VENUE: Victoria University College of Law and Justice, 295 Queen Street, Melbourne

TIME: 9am - 3pm

TARGET: Years 10/11/12 students

Students, to apply online visit the LEAP website. Applications close 24 March 2017

<https://www.leap.vic.edu.au/activities/law/events/1120-lsap-workshop-program>

Further information:

adm-leap@monash.edu

Please note—limited places available

www.leap.vic.edu.au

LEAP (Learn, Experience, Access Professionals) 2017 is funded by Australian Catholic University (Vic.), La Trobe University, The University of Melbourne, Monash University and Victoria University, in collaboration with the Department of Education and Training, Catholic Education Commission of Victoria, and Independent Schools Victoria.

A Victorian initiative, established in 2012 through the Commonwealth's Higher Education Participation and Partnerships Program.

Nicole Stewart

Careers/VET Co-ordinator

Structured Workplace Learning

Calendar of Events



March	31 st	Last day Term 1- Finish 2.30pm
April	18 th	First day Term 2
	20 th	Parent Teacher Interviews
	25 th	ANZAC Day (No school)
	28 th	WSC X-Country
May	5 th	WSC Debutant Ball

Community Events



Art Club Drawing with Shane Boland

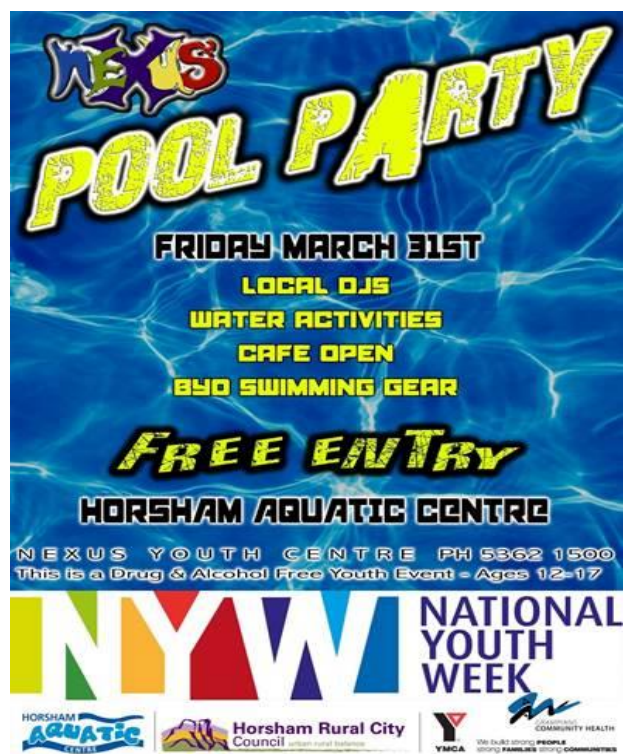
27 April—15 June 2017

Thursdays 4 – 5.30pm

Eight week after school program for 12 – 17 year olds interested in art. Improve your observational drawing skills as each week graphic designer and illustrator, Shane Boland, helps you work on a series of realistic drawings. The skills you learn will help you create even better drawings at home and at school. This structured program will see participants work toward a display presented within the Horsham Town Hall Foyer.

Cost: \$95.00 per term, includes all materials

Bookings: 5382 9575 hrag@hrcc.vic.gov.au for an enrolment form. Payment must be made two weeks prior to classes beginning to secure your booking.



NEXUS POOL PARTY

Horsham Aquatic Centre (YMCA)

FRIDAY 31ST MARCH

7:30-9:30PM

FREE ENTRY

LOCAL DIS

WATER ACTIVITIES

CAFÉ OPEN

BRING YOUR SWIMMING GEAR !!

This is a Drug & Alcohol Free Youth Event for ages 12-17

Funded by National Youth Week 2017



Registrations are now open for the Horsham Amateur Basketball Association WINTER competition.

Visit haba.ssportingpulse.net and click on the register here button. Registrations close April 3rd.

Competition commences Monday 24th April 2017. Any enquiries please call Stace on 0487 820 135

March 31st 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held in week one of this Term 2 - Thursday 20th April (12pm – 4:00pm and 5pm – 7pm). Attached to this letter you will find information on how to book interviews with your child's teachers using our online booking system. If you have any problems using this online system, please do not hesitate to contact the office where Jan, Chelsea and Charmaine will be able to help you make these bookings.

Bookings will open via www.schoolinterviews.com.au on Friday 31st March at 9:00am and will close on Wednesday 19th April at 4:00pm. This information will also be posted on our Edmodo page.

As this is a student free day, we ask that students attend these interviews with their parents/guardians. Parents/guardians are encourage to bring the Term 1 Progress Report to the interview for further discussion. Interviews will continue to be held in the senior corridor – Rooms and availability are shown below.

Rm 31 Melissa Thompson Laura Good Natalie Gordon	Rm 30 Linley Arnold-Wardle Peter Loy	Rm 29 John Foley Sophie Emmett Whitney Munroe	Rm 28 Casey Phelan Annaliese Attenborough Hazel Weir
Rm 24 Heath Schulz Shaune Winsall Lisa Sanders	Rm 25 Dale Shannon John Nichols Jayne Shannon	Rm 26 Kate Morgan Megan Huisman James Cramp	Rm 27 Michael Briggs-Miller Akira Goto Cindy Zhou

Teacher Availability

Jayne Shannon	12:00pm-3:30pm – AVAILABLE	3:30-7:00pm – UNAVAILABLE
John Nichols	12:00pm-4:00pm – UNAVAILABLE	5:00-7:00pm – AVAILABLE
Cindy Zhou	12:00pm-4:00pm – AVAILABLE	5:00-7:00pm – UNAVAILABLE
Lisa Sanders*	12:00pm-1:30pm – AVAILABLE	1:30-7:00pm – UNAVAILABLE

* Appointments can be made between 9:00pm-11:30pm by contacting the school office or Lisa.

Yours sincerely,
Ms Casey Phelan
School Interviews Coordinator

Please note: Cindy Zhou will be available from 9-11:30pm that morning, in addition to 12-4pm



THE EASY WAY TO BOOK

SCHOOL INTERVIEWS

Dear Parents/Guardians/Students,

Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held on **THURSDAY 20th APRIL 2017**. Bookings must be finalised before the Wednesday 19th April at 4pm, when bookings for this event will close.

Interviews are strictly 5 minutes and spaces are limited. If you require more time with a particular teacher, please arrange a separate meeting by telephoning the school on 5398 1433.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

Simply enter the code **48egu** and press "Go"

Enter your details



Select the teachers you wish to see



Select the appointment times that suit your family best



When you click **FINISH**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically. If you do not receive your email immediately –

Check your junk mail folder AND make sure you have spelled your email address correctly. DO NOT DELETE the email you are sent. You may need to refer back to it.

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time and change your interviews, via a link in the email that was sent to you, when you made your bookings - until the bookings close on 19th April at 4pm.

Kind regards,

Michael Briggs-Miller
Principal

Casey Phelan
School Interviews Coordinator

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

School Name

School REF ID

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname

First name

Address

Town/suburb State Postcode

Contact number

Centrelink pensioner concession OR Health care card number (CRN)

- - - OR

☐ Foster parent* OR ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Student details

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
 - this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
 - I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHS and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
 - If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
 - information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and/or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.
- You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant Date / /